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1. MARCH 3 AFTERNOON PRESS CARRIED SEVERAL STATEMENTS, ALL
CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC, IN REACTION TO THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT
FORMALLY AGREED TO EARLIER THE SAME DAY. AFTER SIGNING THE
AGREEMENT, SMITH REPORTEDLY SAID " FROM NOW ON WE (MUSOREWA,
SITHOLE, AND CHIRAU) GET TOGETHER AND MAKE THE PALNS FOR THE
FUTURE." SITHOLE COMMENTED, " I AM DELIGHTED. THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME THAT BLACK AND WHITE REPRESENTATIVES HAVE MADE A
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UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY. THIS
IS AN ACHIEVEMENT THAT WE SHALL BACK WITH OUR VERY LIVES...
WE HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE AND
THE QUERRILLAS. THE GUERRILLAS HAVE BACKED US.
NOW THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE WE WILL
GO OUT TO TELL THE GUERRILLAS THAT WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN
FIGHTING FOR HAS BEEN ACHIEVED."

2. FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, JOHN HILLS, PRESIDENT OF
THE ASSOCIATION OF RHODESIAN INDUSTRIES SAID," I HOPE
THIS TIME IT WILL BE A PROPER AGREEMENT THAT WILL STICK--
THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL FOR THE COUNTRY." IVAN DE ZWAAN,
PRESIDENT OF THE CHAMBER OF MINES SAID RHODESIA HAD
CLEARED A MAJOR HURDLE" AND PREDICTED A
" TREMENDOUS" EFFECT ON THE MINING INDUSTRY IF THE WAR
ENDED AND SANCTIONS ARE LIFTED.
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